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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

Mr. Bissell has this date had discussion with the Director and General Cabell regarding the five following items with approval as indicated:

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1. [REDACTED] Gen. Cabell is in agreement that we should ask Ed to go with Detachment B for 3 weeks to a month until they get settled and then return to the States. Mr. Bissell had previously talked with Ed regarding his taking a job with the Agency and in line with this Gen. Cabell agreed we should attempt to see if Ed could be used in Project Headquarters. When I talk with Ed Gen. Cabell asked that I convey to him the fact that Gen. Cabell felt that in his stand he had showed real courage in making the decision he had made and that he had Gen. Cabell's every sympathy and respect for taking the course of action he has agreed to take.

2. Gen. Cabell and the Director are in agreement that [REDACTED] should be considered for a staging area. No formal action should be taken until after the high level briefing to be given 13 August from which we hope to gain more of an idea of what our future operations will be. I can, however, informally approach [REDACTED] and possibly get some written material finalized and ready to put into action, providing the 13 August meeting gives us the type of approval we will need.

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3. Gen. Cabell is in full agreement that we should carry the overseas detachments on TDY status. I will inform [REDACTED] on this but will take no action until we get answers to the queries we have sent [REDACTED]

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4. Mr. Bissell has given a written status report to the Director and Gen. Cabell with a copy to me which may give me a little insight as to his thinking in preparing for any briefing which may come up during Mr. Bissell's absence.

5. Mr. Bissell stated that during his absence I may have to brief the State Department on what our operational program for covering the 46 targets in Europe comprises. The information which [REDACTED] has been compiling for Mr. Bissell will serve as appropriate background for this and I might have occasion to use the one chart [REDACTED] prepared for the SAC briefing on Elint. However the State Department is pretty well up to date and I should keep this brief and present only the number of targets we have and how we propose to handle them.

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